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SUMMARY. INFORMAL CIVAIR DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED ON COURSE. REMAINING MAJOR ISSUES CENTER ON ROUTING OF SERVICE BETWEEN NEW YORK AND ECUADOR

AND TOTAL NUMBER OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN US AND ECUADOR FOR US DESIGNATED CARRIER. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ARE TO RECONVENE IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF JULY 14, 1975. END SUMMARY.

1. INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DIRECTOR GENERAL SUAREZ AND CAB REPRESENTATIVE LITTON HELD JULY 2-3 IN QUITO FOLLOWING SAME AGENDA AS IN WASHINGTON I.E. (1) PERMITS (2) SCHEDULES AND (3) ACCESS TO NEW YORK.

2. DGCA SUAREZ REITERATED ECUADOR CAN ISSUE BRANIFF PERMIT WITHOUT FREQUENCY AND ITINERARY SPECIFICATIONS IF 30 DAY SCHEDULE FILING IS INCLUDED. DGCA AGREED DAILY SERVICE IN MIA-UIO AND MIA-GYE MARKETS WOULD FORM BASE OF INITIAL LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR BRANIFF AND ECUATORIANA. WITH RESPECT TO NEW YORK SERVICE, ECUATORIANA PLANS TO EXTEND 3 MIAMI FLIGHTS TO NEW YORK EACH WEEK. DGCA PROPOSED BRANIFF

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OPERATE INITIALLY 3 NYC-UIO AND 3 NYC-GYE, BUT THAT ALL OF

BRANIFF'S SERVICES BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CURRENT NUMBER OF FLIGHTS OPERATED BETWEEN US AND ECUADOR, I.E. 12 FLIGHT PER WEEK.

3. LITTON AGAIN EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE OF US IN GRANTING ACCESS TO NEW YORK IF COUPLED WITH RESTRICTIONS ON US CARRIER OPERATIONS AND THAT DGCA'S PROPOSAL WAS TANTAMOUNT TO PLACING MANDATORY STOPS AT MIAMI ON ALL NEW YORK SERVICES. DGCA RESPONDED THAT THIS MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO NATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION COUNCIL.

4. BRANIFF INFORMED LITTON THAT DGCA HAD SENT LETTER ADVISING THAT BRANIFF'S CURRENT AUTHORITY WOULD EXPIRE MIDNIGHT JULY 3. LITTON CONJECTURED THIS PRESSURE TACTIC TO SOFTEN US POSITION ON NEW YORK.

5. ON JULY 3, WHILE EMBASSY WAS TAKING ACTION THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS (SEE REFTEL), LITTON CONFRONTED DGCA SUAREZ ON MATTER OF TERMINATION OF BRANIFF AUTHORITY NOTING VIOLATION OF SUAREZ-LITTON UNDERSTANDING THAT CARRIER OPERATIONS NOT TO BE DISTURBED PENDING CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSIONS. DGCA RESPONDED THAT HIS ACTION WAS MERELY ADMINISTRATIVE TO EXTEND BRANIFF AUTHORITY BEYOND PREVIOUS AUTHORIZATION THAT EXPIRED JUNE 30 AND THAT FURTHER EXTENSIONS WOULD BE AUTOMATIC PENDING CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSIONS AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED.

6. SEEING THAT EMBASSY ACTION WAS TAKING EFFECT, LITTON RETURNED TO DISCUSSION OF FURTHER SERVICE LEVELS AND RESTRICTIONS DGCA HAD - PROPOSED ON NEW YORK. DGCA AGREED THAT RESTRICTION RELATING TO NEW YORK SERVICE WAS MAJOR REMAINING ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED AND THAT HIS MATTER WAS TO BE FULLY EXPLORED BY NATIONAL COUNCIL AT ITS NEXT MEETING ON JULY 9, AND WOULD HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY STUDIED BY THAT DATE.

7. DGCA STATED HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS IN TALKS PENDING NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING BUT WOULD PLAN TO MEET IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF JULY 14 TO CONCLUDE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS.
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